IX. *An Account of ſome* Roman *Coyns found at* Clifton *near* Edlington *in* Yorkſhire. *By Mr* Ralph Thoresby, *F. R. S.*

I Take my ſelf obliged to give you an account of the diſcovery of ſome *Roman* Coins, lately found at *Clifton*, near *Edlington*, the Seat of the Honoured and Obliging *Robert Moleſworth* Eſq; from whom I have receiv'd a Noble Preſent of them; which is the more valuable, becauſe by his Ingenuity they are ſo artificially cleared from the Ruſt they had contracted by lying ſo many Centuries in the Earth, that they appear little inferiour to what they were when firſt Minted: They were dug up at the Eaſt Entrance of *Clifton* (a Village on the Cliff of the Hill) three miles from *Doncaſter*, the *Roman Danum*, where the *Præfectus Equitum Criſpianorum* reſided, and one from *Cunsbrough*, or *Coningsburgh*, an Ancient Seat of the Kings during the *Saxon* Heptarchy, now belonging to Mr *Cook* of *Norfolk*. They were found ſo near a Highway, that the Cart-tracks had worn the Earth off the top of the *Urn*, which a Labourer of Mr *Moleſworth*'s ſtruck his Pick-Ax into, before he was aware of it: Upon another ſearch, they found another *Theca Nummaria*, both full of Copper Coin; the haſte and ſcramble of the Workmen to get the ſuppoſed Booty (which they hoped might prove as valuable as the Broad Gold found at *Kighley*) made them break in pieces both the Urns, which were large and entire; the bigger of them might contain two gallons: By the fragments of them they appear to have been of a

finer Clay than thoſe found at *South Holland* in *Lincolnſhire*, mentioned in the *Phil. Tranſ.* No 279, and the Coins alſo much better preſerved, being in a dryer Soil. Of ſixty I bought of thoſe found at *Fleet* com. *Linc.* there was not one before *Gallienus*, nor after *Quintillus*; and of near 150 of theſe from *Clifton*, there is not one of an elder or later date; ſo that both thoſe in *Holland* and theſe in *Yorkſhire*, ſeem to have been hid in ſome common Calamity that followed the Death of that ſhort-liv'd Emperor *Quintillus*, who reigned but ſeventeen days, *An. Dom.* 271. And within ſix years after, we find that *Probus* the Emperor, upon ſome Commotions in *Britain*, ſent over certain *Vandals* and *Burgundians*, who had invaded *Gaul*, to inhabit *Britain*; upon whoſe arrival, probably ſuch as had made the Inſurrection, might conceal their Treaſure; and being ſlain in the Conflict, it lay hid till now. This I look upon as a more probable Conjecture, than the Perſecution of *Dioclesian*, which was not till thirty four years after. Theſe, tho they have not added one Emperor to my Collection, yet have they made a very conſiderable addition to the Variety of Reverſes; ſo that I have above thirty of *Gallienus*. But not to trouble you with any I had before (as VICTORIA GERMANICA. VIRTVS GALLIENI AVG. GERMANICVS MAXV. *&c.*) I ſhall only preſent you with a liſt of ſuch as were found at *Clifton*. So far as are in Capital Letters are upon the Coyns, the reſt are only for explanation.

Reverſes of *Gallienus*.

SECVRITas PERPETua. PAX AVGuſti. APOLLINI CONServatori AVGuſti. PVDICitia. LAETITIA. AEQVITAS AVG. AETERNITAS AVG.

LIBEro Patri CONS. AVG. DIANAE CONS. AVG. MARTI PACIFERO .... P. VII. COS. (Pietas libans) .... S. STATOR; which I take for *Mars*, who is ſometimes ſo ſtiled as well as *Jupiter*. VICTORIA AETERna. CONCORdia.

Saloninа. Reverſe VESTA.

Poſthumus. PAX AVG. P. M. TRP. COS. V. which I take to be remarkable, having not met with any more than the 4th Conſulſhip.

Victorinus. INVICTVS (*typus Solis vel Apollinis*) VIRTVS AVG. PAX. AVG. SALVS AVG. PIETAS AVG.

Tetricus the Father. SALVS AVG. PAX AVG. HILARITAS AVG. VICTORIA AVG. FIDES MILITVM. LAETITIA AVG. SPES PVBLICA. COMES. VIRTVS AVG. COMES AVG.

Tetricus Cæſar. SPES PVBLICA. SPES AVGG. PIETAS AVGGuſtorum.

Claudius. GENIVS EXERCI. LIBERALITAS AVG. VIRTVS AVG. VICTORIA AVG. PAX AVG. FELICITas TEMPoris. AEQVITAS AVG. IOVI VICTORI.

Quintillus. PROVIDENTIA AVG. VIRTVS AVG.